Faculty Senate Public Engagement and Outreach Council (FSPEOC)
AGENDA
January 26, 2024
9:00 – 10:15 AM
Via ZOOM

I. **WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS**

a. **In attendance:** Joseph Krupczynski, Sara Whitcomb, Karen Shultz Battistoni, Remy Housley, Terre Parker, Bob Maloy, Elena Carbone, Laura Vandenberg, Giverson Mupambi, Julia Jorati, Isabel Espinal, Heidi Bauer-Clapp, Rose Webster-Smith, Sigrid Schmalzer, Simone Flynn

Short/quick members introductions and/or check-ins (as/if needed.)

II. **LOGISTICS**

a. Review/Approve Minutes from December 2023 FSPEOC Meeting
b. Review Agenda

III. **DISCUSSION OF CURRENT FSPEOC ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES**

a. Council Sub-Committees updates:
    - Distinguished Community Engagement Awards Sub-Committee
        - Remy—Info session for awards happening today after this. Feel free to attend even if you didn't register. Building on last year's presentation and two previous awardees (research and teaching) will answer questions for attendees. Thank you, Remy, for pulling together this session! And, Simone, too!
        - Giverson—mentioned that extension educators (different from faculty) would be a really good fit for

these awards but are not currently eligible. Extension faculty are eligible.
    - Elena—could they be eligible for community award?
    - Sigrid—Can bring this issue to MSP
    - Laura/Remy--May require a discussion with provost
    - Joseph—Let's return to this discussion next meeting
- Carnegie Classification Task Force Sub-Committee
    - Joseph and Anna Maria are co-chairing
    - First meeting last Wednesday. 12 people on the committee (Joseph, Sara, Lisa, Julia from this council) Four subcommittees:
        - Community Relations
        - Institutional Support
        - Assessments and Impacts
        - Curricular/Co-Curricular Engagement

        - Application comes out today, so that we can see what new format is for report (https://carnegieclassifications.acenet.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2026_Community_Engagement_Re-Classification_Framework.pdf)
        - If anyone on this committee is working on something that could be included in Carnegie, be sure to share with Joseph. Goal is to collect data, programming, etc. And then edit for report-writing
        - Will meet as a larger committee again at end of March
        - Will report to Faculty Senate at the end of the semester

- New Membership Recruitment Sub-Committee
    - Joseph will convene sub-committee meeting
    - Need to get Heidi officially on committee
    - Need to look at departments/units not represented and figure out how to recruit
- Community Partnership Sub-Committee
    - Sigrid—Joint committee between FSPEOC—Environmental Social Action Movement met and review draft of proposal to get funding for:

    - Honoraria for community members visiting classrooms
    - Tuition/Fee waivers for community organizers taking classes at umass
    - Stipends for students and community organizers for internships
- Joseph—Are we ready to circulate this document? Sigrid says yes.
- Joseph—3rd Thursday meeting with new director Lydia Rivera-Early
    - Sara and Joseph attended—University Relations are leading effort to enhance the community engagement activity at the Springfield Center. Interest in having a faculty member supporting the growth of the Springfield Center's use.
    - Laura—Everyone is welcome to come to the meetings. Prior to a few months ago, the Springfield Center was run by President's office. Faculty were required to rent center space to use it. Some faculty were using off campus indirect funds to support use of space. Space is now ours—all grants now should use on campus rates for use of center. For those without grants, faculty can use space at no cost. Can be opened to community groups in evenings, etc. People are not able to put name on doors...think hotel space. Do not have license currently for human subjects bio-samples.
    - Sigrid—Can faculty, who are connected with community organizations, hold events together with partners in this space—Laura says yes!
    - Rose—Lydia has a lot of connections with service organizations but not necessarily grassroots. It would be great to know how to get access to Springfield Center—logistics of the signing up for space.
    - Laura—Wesley Days manages space and can take requests
    - Joseph/Isabel--Could we have a meet and greet down there?

- Terre—Might be a great opportunity to connect with smaller arts organizations

IV. NEW BUSINESS/ISSUES/ANNOUNCEMENT

a. Camp Howe
    i. Sigrid—Oldest 4H camp in Mass. Very strong emphasis on inclusion with kids with disabilities. News is that relationship between UMass and 4H camps has been terminated. Camps will continue, but feels like a loss. Is there anything we can do?
    ii. Isabel—Could this council appoint a fact-finding group? Is there a way to find more information?
    iii. Laura provided information—Don't know if this is a system or campus decision as this was made in the extension office. Sounds like this might actually be a 4H decision—camps and 4H were actually "separated" back in 2020 with MOUs between and MOUs were not renewed in 2023.
b. Continue Discussion on DEI/Campus Climate and Institutionalizing Engagement
    i. Move this topic to Feb meeting
c. Discuss File/Folder Management Systems
    i. Move this topic to another meeting
    ii. For now, Sara and Joseph will make sure that everyone has access
d. Photos for Community Engagement—Joseph created a folder for individuals to share photos of community engaged work. Joseph will share the folder with council.